

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Masaaki NISHIKIORI, et al.

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METHOD AND STORING MEDIUM STORING  
INFORMATION MEDIATING PROGRAM THEREIN

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

Claim 11, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 5 to 9" to --claim 1--.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

Preliminary Amendment

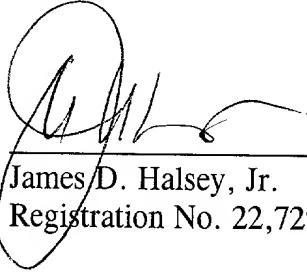
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If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary  
Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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